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We are looking forward with interest and confidence to the judicial appointments of President Taft. The simple truth of history is that President McKinley's appointments in this department of the government did not shed any great lustre upon his administration. This was notably the case with one of his North Carolina appointments his nominee being rejected by a Republican Senate for no other reason than lack of legal education and ability. Twice again did Mr. McKinley send in the nomination, and twice again was it rejected. Nor can the friends of President Roosevelt claim with any confidence that his administration will shine in history in this particular. Both these eminent men seem to have regarded a Federal district judgeship as of about the same relative importance as a collectorship of a port or a first-class postmastership. President Harrison, himself a great lawyer, gave the country fine judges, and we believe, as we have indicated, that President Taft, himself a great judge, will demand the highest qualifications of every applicant for judicial position. Certainly he can do nothing to commend him more strongly to the confidence and gratitude of the South than to fill its Federal tribunals with men who are in every respect worthy of the great trust.—Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch.

IN VACATION.

"Respectable" Liquor Dealers.—It was seriously (but unsuccessfully) urged in a Nebraska case that an applicant for a liquor license was not entitled to it because he did not have a respectable character, and that he did not have a respectable character because he applied for a license to sell liquors.—Case and Comment.

Outwitting the Lawyer.—"Still, there are occasions when a lawyer isn't the chief beneficiary of a suit," said Mrs. Stonewall Jackson. "I know of one instance. A friend of mine in Virginia sued a railroad company for damages and secured a verdict for \$50,000, which was paid, and the whole amount is now in bank subject to her order. Her counsel didn't get a penny of it."

"How was that?"

"She found the only way of outwitting him—she married the lawyer."—Central Law Journal.